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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING PHIL CONSULAR DEPENDENTS AND
NEW ORLEANS POLICE

1. ASSUME EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WEEKLY STATUS REPORT OF
OCT. 25 (AIRPOUCHED HULEN TO MEADE) GIVING INITIAL DETAILS
OF INCIDENT BETWEEN HUSBAND AND CHILDREN OF PHIL CONSUL
GENERAL BAUTISTA AND NEW ORLEANS POLICE.

2. DURING PAST WEEK WE HAVE RESPONDED TO PHIL COMPLAINT
IN DEPT NOTE COUCHED IN SYMPATHETIC TERMS, INDICATING
INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY. IN CONFIDENCE WE PLAN TO REVIEW
WITH PHIL EMBASSY HERE SUBSTANCE OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE
REPORT WHICH, AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, SUGGESTS HAT PHIL
DEPENDENTS WERE LARGELY AT FAULT, AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO
OBTAIN MORE CONVINCING DOCUMENTATION OF THE SAME TENOR.
WE HOPE MIXTURE OF OFFICIAL SYMPATHY AND PRIVATE DOUBTS
WILL MOVE PHILS TO POSITION WHERE THEY CAN BELIEVE HONOR
IS ASSUAGED AND FURTHER PUBLICITY ON INCIDENT COUNTERPRO-
DUCTIVE.

3. UNDER SEPARATE COVER (HULEN TO MEADE) WE ARE SENDING
COPIES OF: (A) PHIL EMB NOTE OF PROTEST, (B) DEPT NOTE
IN RESPONSE, AND (C) NEW ORLEANS POLICE REPORT. HOPE
THESE WILL PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR EMBOFFS IF
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SUBJECT RAISED BY GOP OR INCIDENT REPORTED BY MANILA PRESS.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT POLICE REPORT MAY NOT BE
USED OR SPECIFICALLY CITED WITHOUT SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF
NEW ORLEANS AUTHORITIES.

4. POSSIBILITY BAUTISTA REPERCUSSIONS MIGHT RESULT IN
TOUGHER ATTITUDE BY PHIL POLICE IN DEALING WITH U.S.
MISSION PERSONNEL IN MANILA REMAINS OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN.
WE ALSO ANXIOUS TO MOLLIFY PHIL EMBASSY HERE, WHICH
APPARENTLY FEELS STRONGLY THAT NEW ORLEANS POLICE IN WRONG.
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